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COUNTRY <u>USSR</u>			
TOPIC <u>Soviet Naval Forces off Kronstadt, in the Leningrad Harbor and in the</u>			
<u>Baltic Sea</u>			
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Soviet naval vessels were sighted in the
Baltic Sea, off Kronstadt and in the Leningrad harbor. The following details
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Time	Position	Class	Type	Course and Speed	Remarks
0730	off the Seis- kard Island	destroyer	u/i		
		cruiser	SPERDLOV	west appr 25 knots	
1100	Leningrad lightship	cruiser	u/i		Cruiser [redacted] towed by two naval tugs was to a mooring buoy approximately 1 seamile west of Leningrad lightship. The cruiser was moored at the stern, bow at anchor. It had 2 twin turrets each on the fore'side and quarterdeck; 1 stack; since numerous deck houses were on deck, the cruiser possibly was a training cruiser. Cruiser [redacted] was not similar to the former German cruiser MUSENBERG, which was sighted [redacted] at the Kronstadt roadstead on 16 June.
1200	near Leningrad lightship	destroyer	u/i	west; high speed	

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1400	passing by Kronstadt	battle ship	OCTOBER -				
1400	passing by Kronstadt	destroyer	u/i				
noon	clearance quay opposite the Baltic Drydock in Leningrad	submarines	u/i				
1200	passing by Kronstadt	destroyer	u/i				
1200	passing by Kronstadt	submarine	u/i				
1200	passing by Kronstadt	destroyers	u/i				

Moored to buoy at Kronstadt roadstead. No other vessel was at the roadstead.

The destroyer was in the central harbor of Kronstadt, stem on shore and stern moored to buoy; unusually large, modern vessel, similar to a small cruiser (sic). Numerous vessels were in the submarine harbor and central harbor.

The 3 or 4 submarines moved on the Neva River downstream toward Kronstadt. They had a closed round conning tower and forward, an armored structure from which two short gun barrels (twin barrels) which could be trained up and down in the loophole projected. The foc'sle and quarterdeck were smooth and had no superstructures, gun mounts or guide rails.

The destroyer was in the central harbor of Kronstadt, at the same place as on 28 May 1955.

The vessels were individually berthed at wooden jetties in the Kronstadt submarine harbor. Submarine [] had been sighted on the Neva River on 8 June. Size and type of the other submarines could not be determined.

A two-stack destroyer was docked in the large floating dock at the southern side of Kronstadt.

The destroyer had 2 screws. The former designation [] (formerly []) was still discernible at the deck edge.

As was the case on 28 May, numerous other auxiliary and special ships but no other naval vessels, were in all harbor basins on Kronstadt.

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1200	Kronstadt roadstead	battle ship	OCTOBER-REVOLUTION	-	Mocked at buoy as it was on 20 May.	25X1
1200	Kronstadt roadstead	cruiser	SVERDLOV	-		
1200	Kronstadt roadstead	cruiser	ex NUREMBERG	-	The cruiser coaled from a large oil lighter which lay alongside.	25X1
2100	off Someri Island	guardboat	n/a	-	At anchor at the roadstead.	25X1
					The vessel apparently came from a base on Someri Island. Six sailors were at the fire-control station, nobody on deck. The vessel had a canvas-covered light AA gun each fore and aft and flew the Soviet war ensign.	25X1
2300	swent channel off Rodskaer Island	submarines	n/a	east. medium speed	The sub-	25X1
					marines had a conning tower with a platform aft and a gun mount with round railing on the lee side. No weapons were seen. Position and side lights were at the tower. Submarine asked ship by flash lamp: "What ship?". The answer had to be repeated several times, since the Soviet signalman continually signaled "Not caught". It was the second time that it was noticed that Soviet signalmen were insufficiently trained.	25X1
0600	crossing of roads 1 and 55 near position 14	auxiliary vessel	net-layer	-	The unit came from the direction of Rugen Island and headed for Hagenow.	25X1
					It had a flush deck, one stack, a smooth quarterdeck without superstructures, slanting stern with hinged portholes; bridge superstructure and stack amidships; one mast at the trailing edge of the bridge; several red marking buoys aft of the stack. The vessel possibly was a net layer. It was followed by smaller vessels.	25X1 25X1

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each of the vessels towed 2 smaller floats and hit the other with a towing rope when the vessels hit. The vessels had a small mast and function of the floats could not be determined. Bridge and stack amidships, smooth quarterdeck without superstructures, bulge-like bow, no armament. All vessels had a navy-grey coat of paint. The unit altered its course according to the swept channel. The leading ship flag signaled the course alterations. A yellow-blue signal flag at the starboard signal yard indicated changing of the course toward starboard and a white flag with red shooting beam at the port side signal yard changing toward port. The signals were also hoisted by all vessels of the unit. At some distance, moving in the same direction and possibly part of the unit.

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crossing of roads 1 and 2 near position 3.

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